



News and information about your public-owned transportation system, published in this newspaper as a community service from the Southern California Rapid Transit District.

By
Artie Dee
Transportation Editor

I hope your luck at Christmas time is better than mine. My luck is so bad even my ties don't fit. Last year I got three pairs of yellow socks, a fountain pen for writing on butter, and a gas cigarette lighter that could double as a blow torch and I don't even smoke. Heaven only knows what I'll get this year, but one thing is for sure: it will be the wrong size, some ghastly color, or will have gone out of style 10 years ago. Which reminds me, the advice I gave you for shopping by bus to avoid the driving and parking mess works for exchanging things too. If you think people are going to keep this stuff they got for Christmas, guess again.

Received a note from a reader who said, "Thanks for the tip. I sold my second car and am using the bus." Not everyone can do this, but for those of you who use the freeway and are tired of working your way to work, try the bus. RTD has freeway flyers designed to get you to work as fast as traffic on freeways allows, at a cost you can live with. Until Rapid Transit comes, freeway flyers are your next best bet.

For those of you who want someplace to go and have time on your hands, how about exploring a small town. There are still several small towns around that resemble the old home town back east.

One in point is Sierra Madre. Located in the foothills just east of Pasadena. Beautiful old homes, a main drag, complete with town square and trees. I'm not suggesting you will be met by the Mayor's Welcoming Committee or by a 17-piece band but you can get away from it all. The 67 Line goes to Sierra Madre every hour from the new RTD terminal in downtown Los Angeles; and you can transfer from many lines en route. Send for a timetable and enjoy seeing one of Southern California's lovely little cities.

Q—How do I get from 2nd and Sepulveda, Manhattan Beach, to 8th and Flower downtown Los Angeles? W.S.F.

A—The closest line to your location is the 51 Line to Los Angeles from 2nd and Highland in Manhattan Beach. You can get off at 8th and Olive, three blocks east of Flower.

Q—I live near Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Boulevard. How do I get to "up-town" Los Angeles, 7th and Broadway? Mrs. B.C.

A—Catch the 101 Line at Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Blvd. and ride to Catalina and Torrance Blvd. in Redondo Beach and change to the 51 Line going north. You can get off at 6th and Broadway. We natives call it "downtown."

Q—How do I get to Los Angeles from Torrance and is there a reduced fare for senior citizens? B.U.

A—Catch the Torrance Number 1 Line in downtown Los Angeles. You can apply for a senior citizens ID card at 4460 W. 126th Street in Hawthorne. Their phone number is OS 6-1181.

Q—Is there a bus from Hermosa Beach to Whittier? C.B.S.

A—You can make the trip by taking two buses. Take the 51 Line running north on Hermosa Avenue and ride to 6th and Main Streets in Los Angeles. Change to the 72 Whittier bus going east on 6th Street.

Send your questions to Transportation Editor, Artie Dee, care of this newspaper. All questions will be answered in this column or by mail. A system map will be sent free to each person submitting a question, or call 747-4455 for detailed information.

(Pd. Adv.)

General Fund Reflects Bigger State Tax Bite

Capitol News Service
SACRAMENTO — The biggest state tax increase in the nation's history — voted for California earlier this year — finally was showing its effects as general fund revenues for the first five months of this fiscal year were up 52.3

per cent and expenditures were up only 10 per cent. State Controller Houston I. Flournoy said general fund cash receipts totaled \$1,109,006,666 for the July-November period. Expenses for the same five months were \$1,228,427,221, so the fund still went into the hole about \$790,000 a day for each day of the period.

In Carson Area

A 14-lot subdivision to be located at Livewood Lane and Oakfair Lane in the Carson area has been approved by the Regional Planning Commission. Normandie Park, 16901 S. Western Ave., plans to build the homes.

WHILE GENERAL fund revenues were up 52.3 per cent for the five months, the personal income tax was up more than 700 per cent, due

to the new law requiring prepayment of taxes by more than 300,000 of the higher bracket earners.

Personal income tax collections for the fiscal year thus far totaled \$156.9 million, as compared with \$22.4 million a year ago. This increase will continue next April 15 because of the increase in the rate for all taxpayers. And even those who made their prepayment by Oct. 31 probably will owe more taxes next April 15 than they paid in total for the 1966 income year. DURING November, the

temporary loan balance of the general fund was reduced by \$111 million. Net borrowings since July 1 are \$103.5 million. However, the general fund had a deficit of \$194 million at the beginning of the fiscal year so it still had a temporary loan balance on Nov. 30 of \$297.5 million.

Other major income sources for the five months included sales tax, \$521 million; bank and corporation franchise and income taxes, \$185 million; cigarette tax, \$62.6 million; and liquor taxes, \$36.7 million.

Property Tax Paid By Utility

First installment of more than \$10 million in Los Angeles County taxes was paid recently by the Southern California Gas Co., S. W. Lynch, manager of the utility's Southwest Division, announced today.

Initial payment to Los Angeles County Tax Collector Harold J. Ostly was \$5,298,917.85. Final payment of \$5,055,959.63 will be due next April 10.

Grand total of ad valorem tax monies that will be paid

Featuring Motorola

RENT A COLOR TV
\$9.00 A MONTH UP
Call 372-1384

Carpeteria

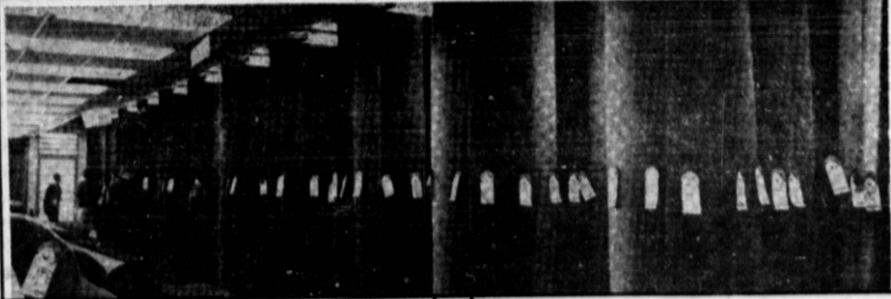
The Supermarket of the Carpet Industry

YEAR-END CLEARANCE

<p>HERCULON</p> <p>100% Herculon olefin pile. unconditionally stainproof. Manufacturer's guarantee against all 47 common household stains. Double Jute Back!</p> <p>\$2.99 sq. yd. Comparable Price \$5.99</p>	<p>CAPROLAN</p> <p>100% continuous filament nylon pile. 27 decorator colors. Hi-lo, plain and tweeds.</p> <p>Double Jute Back! \$2.99 sq. yd. Comparable Price \$5.99</p>	<p>CANDY STRIPE</p> <p>100% continuous nylon pile for your Early American decor. Gold tones, brown tones, avocado tones and red tones.</p> <p>Double Jute Back! \$2.99 sq. yd. Comparable Price \$5.99</p>	<p>DuPONT 501 N</p> <p>Extra-heavy carpeting, certified with DuPont 501 blue N label for weight and quality. Many decorator colors to choose from. Double Jute Back!</p> <p>DU PONT 501 N \$3.99 sq. yd. Comparable Price \$6.99</p>
<p>Gold Label Caprolan</p> <p>100% continuous filament nylon pile. Beautiful Hi-lo pattern, 38 colors to choose from.</p> <p>Double Jute Back! \$3.99 sq. yd. Comparable Price \$6.99</p>	<p>CRESLAN</p> <p>100% acrylic pile. Luxurious tip-sheared velvet finish.</p> <p>Double Jute Back! \$3.99 sq. yd. Comparable Price \$6.99</p>	<p>ACRYLIC SHAG</p> <p>Custom deep pile carpeting, very closely woven. Wide range of plain and tweed colors. Real luxury! Double Jute Back!</p> <p>Royal Plush \$4.95 sq. yd. Comparable Price \$7.95</p>	<p>ACRILAN</p> <p>Richness and elegance, resilience and easy care. Long wear, outstanding luxury and top value are the results of a unique new iridescent ACRYLIC YARN. Double Jute Back!</p> <p>A \$5.95 sq. yd. Comparable Price \$8.95</p>
<p>KODEL</p> <p>Pile of 100% Kodel polyester. The vital fiber for carpet luxury. Outstanding resilience. Excellent pile recovery. Non-allergenic, durable, soil resistant.</p> <p>Double Jute Back! \$5.95 sq. yd. Comparable Price \$8.95</p>	<p>7-SEAS SHAG</p> <p>100% Nylon 1 1/4" long shag, many beautiful decorator colors to choose from. . . Soil resistant, moth proof, great wearability. . .</p> <p>Double Jute Back! \$5.95 sq. yd. Comparable Price \$8.95</p>	<p>ALL WOOL</p> <p>100% wool pile, Elegant tip-sheared velvet finish.</p> <p>Double Jute Back! \$6.95 sq. yd. Comparable Price \$9.95</p>	<p>POLYCREST</p> <p>The new continuous filament POLYCREST YARN with strength and amazingly lasting quality. Many decorator colors to choose from. Double Jute Back!</p> <p>Firth or Gulistan \$6.95 sq. yd. Comparable Price \$9.95</p>

AREA RUGS

3x5 \$24 Val.....\$5.95
4x6 \$36 Val.....\$8.95
6x9 \$80 Val.....\$29.95



BRAIDED RUGS

4 x 6 Reg. \$9.95
Now
\$5.95

LARGE REMNANTS

Large enough to carpet living rooms, bedrooms, dining rooms, etc. Bring along your room measurements.

SAVE UP TO 65% OFF

SMALL REMNANTS

Enough to carpet baths, hallways, cars, boats, trailers. . .

SAVE UP TO 80% OFF

WATCH FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF OUR ANAHEIM STORE

<p>FREE SHOP-AT-HOME DECORATING SERVICE NO MONEY DOWN — 90 DAY NO INTEREST UP TO 60 MO. TO PAY</p>	<p>NORTH HOLLYWOOD 7007 Laurel Canyon Blvd. 982-2200</p>	<p>CANOGA PARK 21038 Sherman Way 347-2334</p>	<p>WEST LOS ANGELES 11841 Wilshire Blvd. 477-5525</p>	<p>HAWTHORNE 12929 Hawthorne Blvd. 679-8221</p>
--	--	---	---	---

TOP VALUES IN OUR CUSTOM DRAPERY DEPT.—ALL STORES OPEN DAILY 9 TO 9—SATURDAY 9 TO 6—SUNDAY 10 TO 6